



THE IMPACT



RECYCLING HELPS TO CREATE CLEANER LAND,
AIR, AND WATER, AND BETTER HEALTH.

IN 2011,
NATIONALLY,
WE RECYCLED

AND
COMPOSTED

87 MILLION
TONS OF MSW.

ANNUALLY, THIS ELIMINATED
MORE THAN **183 MILLION**
METRIC TONS OF CO₂ EQUIVALENT
EMISSIONS REDUCED WHICH IS,

COMPARABLE TO
REMOVING THE
ANNUAL EMISSIONS

FROM OVER
34 MILLION
PASSENGER VEHICLES.

RECYCLING ABOUT **7.5 MILLION TONS**
OF METALS HELPED ELIMINATE
GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS

TOTALING OVER
20 MILLION
METRIC TONS OF CARBON
DIOXIDE EQUIVALENT.

THIS IS EQUIVALENT TO
REMOVING THE EMISSIONS
FROM MORE THAN
4 MILLION
CARS FOR ONE YEAR.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE TODAY!

If we all take **small steps every day** to reduce the amount of waste we produce, **we can help protect our planet** for generations to come.

For more information, visit www.epa.gov/recycle.